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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A rotary damper comprising:
 - a housing;
 - an fan-shaped oil chamber formed in the housing;
 - a vane dividing said oil chamber into two chambers;
 - a shaft rotably fastened to said housing and fixed to a base part of the vane and supporting said vane to allow
~~oscillation in relation to said housing; and~~ such that said vane extends only in one direction away from said base part; and

a seal part provided on said base part dividing in a fluid-tight manner between a bearing rotatably supporting said shaft on said housing and said two chambers, wherein the oil chamber generates a damping force by passing operation oil between said two oil chambers when said vane oscillates;

said seal part comprises: a pair of washers sandwiched between an inner face of the housing of said two chambers and the base part ~~contacting said washers; an inner face of said housing and a sealing member provided to at least portions of 3 edges of~~ said vane which seals in a fluid-tight manner between said vane and the inner face of said housing[; and], said sealing member having ends with the ends end portions facing said base part of said ~~sealing member vane and contact contacting edge~~ peripheries of said washers so as to seal in a fluid-tight manner therebetween.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein interconnected fitting grooves are formed in each part of said vane facing the inner face of said two chambers, and said sealing member is fitted and secured in said fitting grooves.
4. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 3, wherein the base part is located between said fitting grooves and said shaft.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing member comprises an elastic body, and the external dimension of a part in sliding contact with the inner face of said housing is larger than the dimension of the inner face of said housing.
7. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein said housing is provided with a body and a cap holding said shaft, and said vane is contained within said two chambers of a fan-shape, formed between said body and cap.
8. (New) A rotary damper, comprising:
 - a housing with a fan-shaped oil chamber;
 - a shaft rotatably fastened to said housing and fixed to a base part of a vane, said vane extending away from said base part into said fan-shaped oil chamber to divide said fan-shaped oil chamber; and
 - means for sealing among said shaft, said housing, and said vane, said sealing means including a sealing member mounted on a portion of said vane, said sealing member sealing between said vane and said housing, said sealing member having ends facing said shaft, said sealing means also including a pair of washers mounted about said shaft in contact with said housing and extending into said oil chamber, said washers having edge peripheries, said ends of said sealing member contacting the edge peripheries of said washers to provide a seal among said washers, said housing and said vane.